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(54) Title: UNIQUE DENDRITIC CELL-ASSOCIATED C-TYPE LECTINS, DECTIN-1 AND DECTIN-2; COMPOSITIONS AND USES THEREOF (57) Abstract Novel genes expressed selectively by long-term dendritic cell (DC) lines (XS series) from murine epidermis which retain important features of resident epidermal Langerhans cells (LC) are provided. These genes encode distinct type II membrane-integrated polypeptides, each consisting of a cytoplasmic domain, a transmembrane domain, an extracellular connecting domain, and a C-terminal extracellular domain that exhibits significant homology to the carbohydrate recognition domains (CRD) of C-type lectins. Expression of both genes is highly restricted to cells of DC lineage (including epidermal LC). Thus, these genes encode new, DC-specific members of the C-type lectin family, now termed "DC-associated C-type lectin-1 and -2" (dectin-1 and dectin-2). Two isoforms of the dectin-1 molecule and five isoforms of the dectin-2 molecule have also been identified. The invention further provides His-tagged fusion proteins comprising 6x histidine and the extracellular domain of dectin-1 or dectin-2. Also provided are antibodies raised to synthetic peptides designed from the dectin-1 sequence or to the His-tagged fusion proteins described.		

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X	SUZUKI N ET AL: "MOLECULAR CLONING AND EXPRESSION OF CDNA ENCODING HUMAN MACROPHAGE C-TYPE LECTIN" JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGY, vol. 156, no. 1, 1 January 1996, pages 128-135, XP002046614 see the whole document	1,2,5,6, 38,39, 42, 45-60, 90-96, 98,99, 103
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Claims 1 - 60, 90 - 103

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1. Claims: 1-60, 90-103

This group of claims is directed to a DNA segment encoding a dectin-1 or dectin-2 polypeptide, a recombinant host cell comprising such a DNA segment, a composition comprising a purified dectin-1 or dectin-2 polypeptide, a fusion protein comprising such polypeptides, and an antibody that is reactive with these dectin-1 or dectin-2 polypeptides.

2. Claims: 61-68

This group of claims is directed to a nucleic acid segment having no defined functional properties.

3. Claims: 69-71

This group of claims is directed to a dectin-like gene.

4. Claims: 72-89

This group of claims is directed to a method of identifying a human nucleic acid segment that comprises an isolated coding region that encodes a human dectin-like polypeptide.

5. Claims: 104-108

This group of claims is directed to a method for inhibiting the interaction of DC with a T cell.

6. Claims: 109-112

This group of claims is directed to a method of treating inflammation.

7. Claims: 113-122

This group of claims is directed to a method for identifying an effector of DC interaction with T cells.

8. Claim : 123

This group is directed to a method for identifying an inhibitory agent.

9. Claim : 127

This group is directed to a method for purifying T cells.

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10. Claim : 128

This group is directed to a method for identifying a stimulatory agent.

11. Claim : 132

This group is directed to a method of engineering a DC that does not express dectin-1 or dectin-2.

12. Claims: 133-136

This group of claims is directed to a method for targeting gene expression in a cell.

13. Claims: 137-140, 148-151

This group of claims is directed to a DNA segment comprising a dectin promoter element and a pharmaceutical composition comprising such a promoter element.

14. Claim : 141

This group is directed to a method of suppressing the expression of a dectin-1 or dectin-2 gene in a cell.

15. Claim : 143

This group is directed to a method of producing a transgenic animal.

16. Claim : 146

This group is directed to a method for identifying a ligand of dectin-1 or dectin-2.

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The content of said claims is so obscure that no meaningful search can be carried out.

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